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From the Paris Gazette, dated May 12.

Strasburg, April 30.

ON the 26th, The Marshal de Villars encamp'd at Offenburg. On the 27th he detach'd the Marquis de Blainville with 20 Battallions and 30 Squadrons to force the Retrenchments made by the Enemy in the Valley of Kintzig, and open a Passage for the Army to penetrate into Swabia. On the 29th, the Post of Bibrach was attack'd and carried, and 100 Men who were in it were put to the Sword. After which the Castle of Haslach was taken, in which were 180 Men, who surrenderd themselves Prisoners of War. To Day the Marshal de Villars is making the necessary Dispositions to follow the Marquis de Blainville with the rest of the Army, consisting of 30 Battallions, and as many Squadrons. The Marshal de Tallard is encamp'd with part of the Army that he commands at the Village of Schlick, not far from this City; he has been reinforc'd by 6 Battallions, and 20 Squadrons left by the Marshal de Villars, and waits for other Troops from Metz and out of the Franche Comté.

Paris, May 12. On the 6th the Count de Villars brought Advice, That on the 30th of last Month the Marquess de Blainville, continuing his March along the Kintzig, possess'd himself of the Retrenchments that were on this side Hussen, and those near Wolfach, which the Enemy abandon'd, hardly making any resistance: On the first of this Month, he advanc'd towards those Retrenchments which they had made on the Hills at the Entrance into the Valley of Hornberg, and which was the only Place where the King's Troops might have been stop'd, the Road being so narrow that it might have been defended with Stones; The little Town of Hornberg, (situate on the Gutach, a Rivulet that falls into the Kintzig) the Castle of which was fortified by the Enemy, is in the Valley beyond that narrow Passage. The Marquess de Blainville order'd the Count de Montbron to march round the Hill on the Right to attack the Enemy in the Rear; and commanded 8 Companies of Grenadiers, which were supported by the Marquess himself, the Sieurs Lee and de Legal, to get up to the top of the Hills on the Left, to attack the Enemies Retrenchments which were not quite finish'd on that side; The Grenadiers climb'd the Hills with great diligence, but the Enemies quitted their Posts with so much haste that they could not overtake them. Mean time the Count de Montbron fell upon 2 or 300 Men, who, after they had made one Discharge, took to their heels. Thus our Men became Masters of the Passages without any other loss in the Expedition than of 3 Officers and 25 Soldiers kill'd and wounded. In this last Encounter 4 Captains, 1 Major, 1 Ensign, and 100 Soldiers were taken. The Enemy was 2500 Men strong, and had been reinforc'd by 500 Troopers or Dragoons on foot, who arriv'd the Evening before: They had made a good Retrenchment in the Valley of Treyberg, but it was useless to them, because the Army had no occasion to go that way to enter into the Plain of Villengen, where the Van of the Army was to arrive on the 3d. The Artillery began on the 2d to march up the Hills, and a Convoy of 700 Waggons was expected the day after. The Marshal de Villars will put the Army into Quarters of Refreshment for 7 or 8 days.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated May 19.

From the Camp at Buhl, May 11. The Marshal de Villars having broken through the Hornberger-Dale, and being advanc'd to Villingen; caus'd 4 Pieces of Cannon all 24 Pounders to be play'd against that City for 4 Hours together, and then summon'd the Governour to surrender, who answer'd that his Orders were to defend it to the last. And tho' the French threaten'd to lay the City in Ashes, seeing he had the Stubborness to withstand an Army, (which they told him was 40000 Men strong,) commanded by a Marshal, the Governour stuck to his Resolution. Whereupon 24 Pieces of Cannon and 3 Mortars were planted against the Town, which beat down 2 Houses; but the Day after the Besieged were surpriz'd to see the French Army draw off. Of the Burghers, who acquitted themselves very handsomly, only 4 were wounded, and 1 Soldier. There were but 400 Regular Forces in the Place. 'Tis said the Enemy are at present mov'd towards Ulm, and that a Detachment of this Army will be sent to reinforce Count Styrum.

Frankfort, May 13. From the Army under C. Stirum, we learn, That on the 11th 3 Saxon Regiments of Foot, each of 1500 Men, under the Command of General Schuylemburg, together with 3 Regiments of Horse, had joyn'd him; the Forces he had with him before, consisted of 6 Imperial and 2 Franconian Regiments of Horse, and 3 Franconian Regiments of Foot; And that the Elector of Bavaria with 8000 Men lay within 3 Leagues of him, and was not yet joyn'd by the French, Count Stirum's Army lyeing between them both. The said Elector has drawn all his Regular Troops out of Memmingen, and put in some of his Militia: He has likewise secur'd some of the chief Citizens of Ulm, as Hostages, to keep the rest faithful to him. The last Letters from the Head Quarters at Buhl say, That Prince Lewis of Baden was preparing to break up to march with a Body of 15000 Men towards the Country of Wirtemberg, in order to joyn Count Stirum, who is posted at Tubingen; And, 'tis said, General Thûngen, with some Auxiliary Troops, will continue in the Lines at Stolhoffen, to observe the Marshal de Tallard.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated May 17.

Maestricht, May 12. The Marshals de Villeroy and Boufflers having drawn together an Army of between 30 and 40000 Men on the Frontier of the Spanish Netherlands, march'd suddenly within these 4 or 5 Days into the Country of Liege, with Design not only to seize Tongres and Liege, but also to surprise a considerable Number of the Troops of the Allies that were canton'd along the Jeckar and were beginning to form themselves into an Army, and likewise to cut off the English Troops that were marching hither. But the Garrison of Tongres, consisting only of part of the Regiments of Foot of Elst and Portmore, put a stop to their Progress, by bravely defending that Place for 24 Hours, while all the rest of

of the Confederate Forces retir'd ſafe under the Cannon of this Place. Brigadier Elſt commanded in Tongres, and held it out till the Enemy had rais'd a Battery and made a Breach in the Wall, when he was oblig'd to ſurrender himſelf and Garriſon Priſoners of War. Mean time the Allies form'd an Army, which extends from the Counterſcarp of this City to Lanaken. The Engliſh Troops arriv'd here on the 9th at Night; The Garriſon of Liege the Day after; and yeſterday thoſe of Aix la Chapelle, Venlo, and Ruremond; a great Detachment of our Garriſon has likewiſe reinforc'd this Army, which is commanded in Chief by General Auverquerque.

From the Amſterdam Courant, dated May 19.

Maeſtricht, May 15. Our Army ſtood drawn up in order of Battel till yeſterday, expecting to be attack'd by the Enemy; who tho' ſtronger than we by ſeveral 1000 Men, and tho' the 2 Armies had a a Plain between them, durſt not attack us, but towards Evening drew off towards Tongres. The Cannon of one of our Batteries as alſo ſome Field-pieces made ſeveral Shot at the Enemy, but by reaſon of too great Diſtance did little Execution, and a Party of our Horſe had yeſterday a Skirmiſh with the French and took eight of them Priſoners.

Maeſtricht, May 16. The French, ſince they withdrew from before our Army, are gone into their old Camp where they lay about the end of laſt Campaign, near Tongres; having yet made no further attempt, but give out that they will attack Liege, and are making great Preparations for ſome Expedition. Since the 14th, above 300 of their Deſerters are come hither; yeſterday 1600 Men were detach'd from our Army to reinforce the Garriſon of Liege: Our Army will be further augmented with ſome Squadrons, as alſo with a Detachment from the Army before Bonn, the foremoſt Troops of which Detachment are juſt now arriv'd in this Neighbourhood; and the Enemy may expect we ſhall ſoon return their Viſit.

From the Hague Gaz. and Amſt. Cour. May 10.

From the Camp before Bonn, May 8. Our Men having work'd hard on the Batteries ſince the 4th, they were finiſh'd on the 6th, during which time we had 10 Men kill'd and 20 wounded. Laſt Night a Battery of 3 Guns began to play on the Enemies Flying Bridge between the Town and the Fort; and this Morning the Chain by which that Bridge was faſten'd to the Shore was broken by a Cannon Shot, and while the Enemy was employ'd in caſting Anchor to ſtop the Bridge, which was driven down the Stream 200 Yards, the Canon ſo raked them that 3 or 4 of them flung themſelves into the River, one of which reach'd the Town, 2 were drown'd, and the 4th was taken up near one of our Batteries; the Enemy ſent out ſome Boats to fetch off the reſt of their Men and to hawl the Bridge back to its former Station, but while thoſe on the Bridge were crowding into thoſe Boats a Shot took one of them in which were 30 Men, and ſunk it with moſt of the Men in it. This Evening the Place in which they were filling the Bombs for Mortars at Major General Dedem's Attack was blown up, by which Accident 150 Bombs as many Grenadoes were deſtroy'd and 1 Lieutenant and 5 Fireworkers were kill'd.

From the Camp before Bonn, May 11. Notwithſtanding the Damage done by the Accident above mention'd at Major General Dedem's Attack, the Batteries at that Attack, as well as the Batteries at the other two, began to play on the 9th in the Morning. That againſt the Fort conſiſting of 52 Guns and 18 Mortars, play'd ſo ſucceſsfully, that a Breach being made before Night, it was aſſaulted at 8 a Clock, of which take the following Account.

Hague, May 12. An Expreſs that arriv'd this Morning brought Advice of the taking of the Fort of Bonn; The Particulars of which are related in a Letter ſent by this Expreſs to their High Mightineſſes from General Obdam. It is dated from the Camp before Bonn May 9 at Midnight, and is as follows:

High and Mighty Lords,

'THE Cannon and Mortars of all our Batteries 'play'd vigorouſly ſince Morning againſt the 'Town and Fort; and on Intelligence that the Gar'riſon of the Fort was not numerous, we took a Re'ſolution to ſtorm it this Evening, which was accor'dingly executed by 400 Grenadiers ſupported by 4 'Battallions: while the Attack was carrying on, we 'ſaw a Boat bring 3 Perſons from the Town to the 'Fort, and ſoon after all the Barracks and other 'Buildings were ſet on Fire by the Enemy, that 'they might retire into the City under Cover of the 'Smoke, as great part of them did, in little Boats; one 'of which Boats being carried down by the Stream 'came a-ſhoar near one of our Batteries, and by 'thoſe who were taken in it we learnt that 50 Men 'remain'd in a Redoubt within the Fort. Mean 'time our Men ſcal'd the Ramparts, and took that 'Redoubt with Sword in Hand, after little Reſi'ſtance; moſt of thoſe that defended it were put to 'the Sword, and ſome others were made Priſoners 'as they were endeavouring to eſcape in a Boat, to 'Night a Line is drawing to the Bank of the Rhine, 'in order to the Raiſing of a Battery cloſe to the 'Fort, from thence to play upon the City, I am &c.

Sign'd *J. B. de Waſſenaer.*

Of the French in the Fort (beſides what were kill'd) about 20 were made Priſoners, among which is the Commander of the Fort and 3 Officers; on our ſide but 3 Soldiers were kill'd and 5 wounded. The Enemy that eſcap'd out of the Fort into the Town, were forc'd to make uſe of Boats, becauſe their flying Bridge was ſunk by our Shot on the 8th: One of thoſe Boats paſſing from the Fort with 6 Men was overſet and the Men drown'd, the other that was driven down the Current to the Prince of Heſſe's Attack, had 10 Men in it, who were made Priſoners. The Commanding Officer in the Caſtle of Saffemburg, which has been block'd up ſeveral days, having deſir'd to day to march out with his Garriſon of 100 Men to Vianden, it was granted him.

From the Camp before Bonn, May 16. On the 13th in the Afternoon the Enemy made a Sally on Major General Dedem's Attack, and after they had nail'd ſome Pieces of Cannon were driven back with the Loſs of 2 or 300 Men kill'd; 150 were kill'd or wounded on our ſide. The ſame Evening we attack'd their Cover'd Way on that ſide where the Prince of Heſſe's Attack was carried on, with 600 Grenadiers, and made a Lodgment on the Paliſadoes with the Loſs of 130 Men kill'd or wounded; among the former is Monſieur Hazard Director of the Approaches at that Attack. On the 14th at 2 in the Afternoon the Beſieged made a Salley into the Quarter of the Heſſians, but were repuls'd with Loſs, yet 'tis ſaid they took a Collonel and 2 Officers Priſoners, but at the ſame time we took a Major and 2 Lieutenants of theirs of the Regiment of Grimaldi. About 3 that Afternoon the Enemy beat a Parley and hung out the white Flag, The Collonels Welderen and Palm, and Lieutenant Collonel Leibnits were ſent in; and Calvo with 2 others came out for Hoſtages. The Conditions on which they propos'd to ſurrender being ſent out of the Town yeſterday Morning, were found ſo extravagant that they were refus'd, and others were ſent in by the Duke of Marlborough. Mean time we made all ready to renew the Cannonading; But after ſeveral Meſſages in and out, the Articles of Capitulation were agreed late laſt Night, and ſign'd and exchang'd this Morning, and one of the Gates put into our Hands. The Garriſon is to march out 2 days hence, and to be conducted to Luxemburg. The Duke of Marlborough will go from hence tomorrow Morning early, intending to put himſelf at the Head of the Army aſſembled near Maeſtricht, on the 18th.

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